

**AMENDMENT After Final
Patent Application Serial No. 09/698,558**

Attorney Docket No.: Case 6103

REMARKS

Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for lacking a proper antecedent basis, however Examiner advised that claims 2, 3, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to provide proper antecedent basis for 'the integral snubber' limitation in claim 2, line 2 and claim 13, line 2-3. Applicants submit that Examiner rejection is in error as proper antecedent basis is present in Claim 1 for claims 2 and 3, and in Claim 11 for claim 13.

In line 2 of claim 1, applicants utilized the term 'at least one integral snubber', which provides proper antecedent basis for the term 'the integral snubber' as utilized in line 2 of claim 2, thus also providing proper antecedent support for the terms of claim 3 by virtue of its dependence of upon claim 2.

Applicants believe the term 'cast' in line 2 of claim 1 may be responsible for Examiner's confusion. As utilized in claim 1, the term cast is a verb, not a noun. To provide for greater clarity, applicants amended the term 'cast' to 'casted'.

Likewise, in line 4 of claim 11, Applicants have amended verb 'cast' following the phrase 'at least one integral snubber' to 'casted', thereby clarifying that proper antecedent basis for the term "the integral snubber" of to claim 13, already existed in claim 11, from which is claim 13 is dependent 11.

Examiner has acknowledged that claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, and 14-23 are allowable as previously presented.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5 and 7 – 23, as presented, are believed to be in condition for allowance. If Examiner believes, after consideration of this response, that further amendment to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection is necessary; Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (330) 860-6605.

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